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Glad Tidings for the Believers

Outcomes are greater when driven by strong motives, and there is no stronger instigator for a Muslim than his faith in the Almighty Allah and his conviction in what He has promised. Once iman wins over a believer's heart, he is driven to action that is beyond average human capabilities. And the greatest of these motivators is the delivery of glad tidings to believers, for this is a great act of worship to which Allah urged His prophets and His believers. It is based on several pillars the two most important of which are:

First is the promise of superiority for believers through the Almighty Allah. This has been assured by Allah irrespective of the believers' conditions. In regards to that Allah said: "So do not lose heart or be grieved for you will surely be superior if you are believers" (Aal-Imran: 139).

One of the meanings of superiority is to feel the loftiness and honor that Allah has guaranteed for those who believed in Him and engaged in jihad for the sake of elevating His word. Therefore, a believer is always superior, for his superiority is connected to the Almighty Allah's glory, and Allah is the Most High and the All Mighty. Regarding granting the Prophet ﷺ victory over the Quraysh when they asked for him in al-Ghar: "He made the word of the faithless the lowest and the word of Allah the highest" (At-Taubah: 40). Allah mentioned that He will make the word of the disbelievers the lowest because no matter how high they aspire, and no matter how much they rise, He will bring them down with His might and power. When analyzed, the Arabic grammar in this Ayah indicates permanence, meaning Allah's word does not become highest only in this instant, but had always been the highest and will always be so. With this, believers should rejoice in the glad tiding that their banner will always fly high and never be downcast. In the matter of might, Allah had this to say: "But all Might belongs to Allah, His Messenger, and the believers, but the hypocrites know not" (Al-Munafiqun: 8). Allah will never humiliate a people that holds fast to Him and lets go of all the mushrikin for the sake of His glory.

The second matter is assuring the believers of Allah's solidarity with them. This is their motivator and what drives them to fulfill what would please the Almighty and Most High, even if others consider that what they are aiming for is insanity and is out of the norm.

In the Qura'n, Allah offered this assurance to the mujahidin: "Fight all together against the mushrikin, as they fight you all together and know that Allah is with the pious" (At-Taubah: 36). And also when He said: "O believers! Fight the disbelievers around you and let them find firmness in you. And know that Allah is with those mindful 'of Him.'" (At-Taubah: 123) Allah, the Almighty, then combined together the glad tidings of superiority and friendship when He said: "So, do not falter or cry for peace, for you will have the upper hand and Allah is with you" (Muhammad: 35).

Heralding glad tidings for the believers should take place in all circumstances: in good times and in bad; in victory and otherwise; at the initiation of the da'wah; when followers are many, or enemies are numerous. This is to raise the morale of the believers so they remain steadfast, and burn the hearts of the kuffar and frustrate them.

Allah ordered Musa, peace be upon him, to bring glad tidings to the believers during the days of Pharaoh's tyranny. The Almighty said: "We revealed to Musa and his brother, appoint houses for your people in Egypt. Turn these houses into places of worship, establish prayer, and give good news to the believers!" (Yunus: 87).

Here was our Prophet Muhammad ﷺ assuring the believers on the Day of al-Ahzab that Iraq, Sham, and Yemen will be conquered, just as he was digging a trench and hitting a stone that would not break. He said: "Bismillah, and struck once. A third of the stone broke off. He then said: Allahu Akbar, I was given the keys to Sham. By Allah, I can see its red castles from my spot here. He then said Bismillah, and struck again. He again broke off a third of the stone. So, he said: Allahu Akbar, I was given the keys to Faris, by Allah I can see its cities and its white castle from my spot here. He then said Bismillah and struck again, removing the rest of the stone. He then said: Allahu Akbar, I was given the key to Yemen. By Allah, I can see the gates to Sanaa' from my spot here." He gave reassurance, and Takbir, in the darkest of times. Even more wondrous is when he ﷺ was told that the Quraythah clan had reneged on the treaty and he ﷺ with

in finite certainty said: "Allahu Akbar. O people of Islam, await the glad tidings."

The hearts of believers are able to accept what fate brings their way, whether it be calamities, oppression and the like, as they are commanded by Allah's laws to be patient and hang on to their belief in good things to come. As for the munafiqin, they sat, on the Day of Khandaq, fearful failures doubting Allah, saying: "Muhammad promises us the treasures of Caesar and Kissra, and none of us trust that he will fulfill his promise."

Hailing positive outcomes goes hand in hand with motivating. They are both divine commandments that impact jihad for the Sake of Allah. The Almighty said: "And give glad tidings to the believers", and also: "motivate the believers".

Whenever Allah commanded the Muslims to engage in jihad, He promised His believing worshippers, either help, victory, or Jannah, so as to make Himself their primary motive, to strengthen their hearts, increase their resolve, and renew their intentions. As in when He said: "He will also give you another favor that you long for: help from Allah and imminent victory. So, give glad tidings O Prophet to the believers" (As-Saff: 13). And the Almighty also said: "And fight them until there is no more persecution – and your devotion will be entirely to Allah. But if they desist, then surely Allah is All-Seeing of what they do. And if they do not comply, then know that Allah is your Protector. What an excellent Protector, and what an excellent Helper!" (Al-Anfal: 40-39). Allah has promised this Ummah that they will prevail in victory, dominance, prominence, and glory. The Almighty said: "Indeed, We support Our messengers and those who believe during the life of this world and on the Day when the witnesses will stand" (Ghafir: 51). The Glorious and Almighty again said: "They wish to extinguish Allah's light with their mouths, but Allah will only allow His light to be perfected, although the disbelievers dislike it" (At-Tawbah: 32). He also said: "Surely, following the heavenly Record, We decreed in the Scriptures: 'My righteous servants shall inherit the land'" (Al-Anbya: 105).

And the best of glad tidings is the news that worshippers will be saved from hellfire and will be admitted to Jannah after receiving Allah's approval. To those who sacrifice their lives, Allah says: "It is the believers who repent, who are devoted to worship... And give glad tidings to the believers" (At-Tawbah: 112). The Great and Almighty also said: "Let those who would sacrifice this life for the Hereafter fight in the cause of Allah. And whoever fights in Allah's cause—whether they achieve martyrdom or victory—We will honor them with a great reward" (An-Nisa: 74).

Allah also brings glad tidings to those who avoid false gods and fight them. The Almighty says: "And those who shun the worship of false gods, turning to Allah alone, will have glad tidings. So give glad tidings to My servants O Prophet" (Az-Zumar: 17). Regarding this, At-Tabbari, may Allah have mercy on him, explained: "In this life they are given the glad tidings of Jannah in the Akhirah."

These glad tidings of Allah's promises, brought to the believers, are facts, and are not statements made by the mujahidin out of arrogance as some munafiqin claim when they say: "These believers are deluded by their faith" (Al-Anfal: 49).

Their hailing of glad tidings is not empty, and there promises are not vacuous or arbitrary; in fact the mujahidin's promises are true and their threats will be carried out. Their enemies are more alert to this fact than are their friends, because it stems from the mujahidin's conviction in the Almighty Allah's true promise. We bring Muslims the glad tidings that we will invade and conquer all the fortresses of the idol worshippers, and we will conquer the Arabian Peninsula, Palestine, Constantinople, and Rome.

These will be actions and not just words. So worshippers of Allah, get ready for what is to come, and be equipped for the One that is true to His promises. For, this is Allah's promise, and Allah does not break His promise. All praise is to Allah, the Lord of all creation.